

PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN THE APPLICATION OF:

DOMINIC A. DRAGOTTA ET. AL.

CASE NO.: CL1598USDIV

APPLICATION NO.: 09/940298  
(OF PARENT)

GROUP ART UNIT: 1651  
(OF PARENT)

FILED: CONCURRENTLY HEREWITH

EXAMINER: GITOMER, R  
(OF PARENT)

FOR: POLYHYDROXYALKANOATE LEVELS AS AN INDICATOR OF BIOREACTOR  
HEALTH

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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**Introductory Comments**

Before examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application  
as follows: